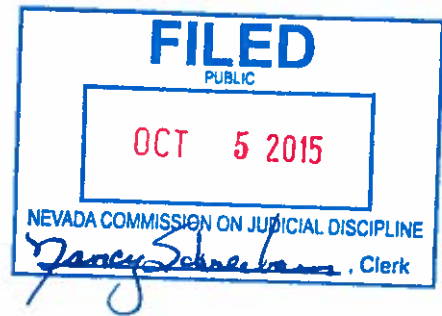


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6 **BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE**

7 **STATE OF NEVADA**

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9 IN THE MATTER OF THE)
10 HONORABLE MICHAEL FLETCHER,)
Walker River Township Justice of the Peace,)
11 County of Lyon, State of Nevada)
12 Respondent.)
13)

Case No. 2013-092/1504-092

14 **ANSWER**

15 COMES NOW, THE HONORABLE MICHAEL FLETCHER, of the Walker River
16 Township Justice of the Peace, County of Lyon, State of Nevada, by and through
17 counsel, JOHN L. ARRASCADA, ESQ. of the Law Firm of ARRASCADA & ARAMINI,
18 LTD., and in answer to the Formal Statement of Charges on file herein, admits, denies,
19 avers as follows:

20 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

21 A. In response to paragraph A, upon information Respondent participated in
22 a telephone conversation with the deputy district attorney regarding release of the
23 defendant and Respondent disqualifying himself from the case. Respondent denies all
24 other allegations in paragraph A.
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1 B. In response to paragraph B, Respondent admits he released the
2 defendant from custody and made a decision to disqualify himself from the case.
3 Respondent denies all other allegations in Paragraph B.

4 C. In response to paragraph C, Respondent denies the allegations in
5 paragraph C.

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7 **COUNT ONE**

8 Respondent denies any and all allegations contained in count one.

9 **COUNT TWO**

10 Respondent denies any and all allegations contained in count two.

11 **COUNT THREE**

12 Respondent denies any and all allegations contained in count three.

13 **COUNT FOUR**

14 Respondent denies any and all allegations contained in count four.

15 **COUNT FIVE**

16 Respondent denies any and all allegations contained in count five.

17 **COUNT SIX**

18 Respondent denies any and all allegations contained in count six.

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20 **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

21 **I.**

22 That Respondent has complied with all applicable laws and at all times has
23 acted in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity and
24 impartiality of his office.

1 II.

2 That at all times Respondent has performed his duties judicial duties without
3 bias or prejudice and with competence and integrity.

4 III.

5 That Respondent has complied at all times with the Code of Judicial Conduct.

6 IV.

7 That Respondent has diligently discharged his administrative responsibilities
8 without bias or prejudice and maintained professional competence in administration of
9 his judicial duties.

10 V.

11 That at all times Respondent was acting in compliance and conformity with all
12 statute and law.


13 VI.

14 That at all times Respondent acted under the rule of necessity.

15 VII.

16 That any conversation did not give a party a procedural, substantive or tactical
17 advantage and was required by statute and law for, among other things, notice.

18 DATED this 28 day of September, 2015.

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on the 28 day of September, 2015 and pursuant to
3 NRCP 5(b), I deposited for mailing in the U.S. Mail a true and correct copy of the Answer
4 postage prepaid and addressed to:

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